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of Madhya Pradesh (inclusive of Chhattisgarh) till 31.01.2001. As such, out of a total of 159868 rural habitations in the State (inclusive of Chhattisgarh), 153893 have been fully covered and 4564 have been partially covered with drinking water supply facilities. In urban areas 13 town water supply schemes were implemented during the Ninth Plan period.

Families covered under I.R.D.P.

† 1286. SHRI SURYABHAN PATIL VAHADANE: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the families covered under I.R.D.P together with the criteria followed by Government therefore;

(b) whether the daily wage employees and contractual employees working in Government offices are covered under this scheme; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. V EN K AI AH NAIDU): (a) to (c) The Integrated Rural Development Programme (IRDP) is no more in operation since 1-4-1999. However, all families Below Poverty Line (BPL) in rural areas including daily wage employees and contractual employees, if they are included in the BPL list, are eligible for assistance under the new self employment programme of the Swamajayanti Gram Swarozgar Yojana (SGSY). Monitoring is not done separately for daily wage employees and contractual employees.

Newsitem "Karyakram panchayat star par loot ka Zariya bane"

† 1287. SHRI SURYABHAN PATIL VAHADANE: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what is Government's reaction to the newsitem under the caption "Karyakram panchayat star par loot ka zarya bane" published in the "Dainik Jagran" dated 28th December, 2000;

(b) whether Government have entrusted the responsibility to any third source to monitor, get the development work completed and thereafter evaluate the same;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

† Original notice of the Question was received in Hindi

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (DR. (SHRIMATI) RITA VERMA): (a) The Government have taken note of the news item published in the Dainik Jagran dated 28th December 2000. The news item has given a general statement regarding corruption at the Panchayat level. No specific observations are made in the news item regarding mis-utilisation of funds. However, the Concurrent Evaluation (June 1993 to May 1994) of Jawahar Rojgar Yojana (JRY) revealed that a large portion *i.e.* 83.16% of the available funds were spent by the Village Panchayat on community development projects at All-India level. The Concurrent Evaluation Report also revealed that the States such as Goa, Gujarat, Haryana, Meghalaya, Punjab, Sikkim, Tamil Nadu, Tripura, A&N utilised 100% of the available funds at their disposal. The Evaluation Study conducted by the Planning Commission on the Employment Assurance Scheme (EAS) revealed that the average utilization rate at the district level was as high as 89.9% during 1996-97 and 61.5% at the Block level of their notional minimum allocation.

(b) to (d) The Centrally Sponsored Scheme (CSS) of Rural Development being implemented have in-built mechanism to prevent mis-utilisation at the Implementation level. The mechanism includes submission of Audit Report, Utilisation Certificate, non-diversion/non-embezzlement certificate etc. at the time of submission of proposals for release of 2nd instalment of the Central share. In addition, the Monitoring and Vigilance Committee have been constituted at the State, District and Block level to supervise/monitor and oversee the implementation of the Rural Development Programmes. Besides, Senior Officers of the Ministry of Rural Development also visit periodically to review the Implementation of the Rural Development Programmes under Area Officer's Scheme. The Concurrent Evaluation of different programmes is being conducted by the Ministry of Rural Development through independent and reputed research institutes/NGO to identify the problem areas so as to enable the Ministry and take corrective action wherever necessary.

Implementation of PMGY

1288. SHRI NR. DASARI:

SHRI V.V. RAGHAVAN:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that an amount of Rs. 2500/- crore was provided in the Union Budget 2000- 2001 for the Pradhan Mantri Gramodaya Yojana